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# STORM LEAVES TRAIL OF WRECKAGE

Nineteen houses were unroofed and 32 damaged when what has been described as "probably a whirly-whirly", hit part of Altona about 3.15 pm on Thursday.

"The miracle was that no one was hurt," the mayor, Cr. Les Crofts said yesterday.

"The force of the wind lifted a boat seven feet out of the water, tore out trees and sent debris in all directions. But no-one was hurt.

"And that is the blessing," Cr. Crofts said.

He was on his way back from Perth by plane when the storm struck Victoria.

"How the pilot made it to the airport I don't know. People were being sick from the buffeting the plane got. I've never been in anything like it, and I travel quite a bit."

Cr. Crofts said the first inkling he had of the damage done in Altona was when he drove down Millers Road.

"That was about 7 pm and all the lights were out. I got home (to Civic Parade) and June, my wife had the kerosene lamp going, and candles lit.

"I heard the news that Altona had been badly hit by the storm, and immediately went to the civic offices to see what I could do."

Dr. Crofts helped organise the borrowing of tarpaulins from the Victorian Railways, and then spent until about 1 am touring the area with police and Mr. Gordon Stirling, MLA.

## NO DAMAGE ESTIMATE

No estimate of the total damage done by the storm has been made.

Chief Inspector John Root, of St. Albans police, who was in charge of the emergency operation, said the damage was impossible to estimate.

"We have asked that anyone affected on Thursday afternoon contact the civic centre to give their assessment of the damage so that we can get an idea of the total cost," he said.

"You see, a lot of people fixed things themselves, others got their

insurance companies out to do the job.

"A lot of people had water coming up into their houses from underneath, and we had no actual contact with them. That wasn't our province."

Footscray's civil defence unit, under the leadership of Cr. Kevin Shorten, worked covering unroofed houses with heavy-duty tarpaulins from 4 pm until 3 am Friday.

## CONDITIONS SHOCKING

"That was something hope we never have to do again — but that's what we're here for, to help people," Cr. Shorten said yesterday.

"The conditions were shocking. At some places the boys, 19 of them, were working up to their knees in water and driving rain."

Cr. Shorten said the wind which hit Altona could only be described as a whirly-whirly. "We don't get tornados in Australia," he added.

He said houses were unroofed in a very narrow path across The Esplanade, Blyth Street, Grieve Parade, Civic Parade, Rush Court, Kearney Avenue, Lowe Avenue, Hammond Street and Charles Road.

"A few people were on holidays when the wind took the tiles off their roofs. They could be facing quite a few problems with water damage this week, although we got tarpaulins over the top as quickly as possible."

"The water will have got into the ceilings, and the owners weren't at home to drain it out," he said.

Mrs. Barbara Stiedl, of

Hammond Street described Thursday's storm:

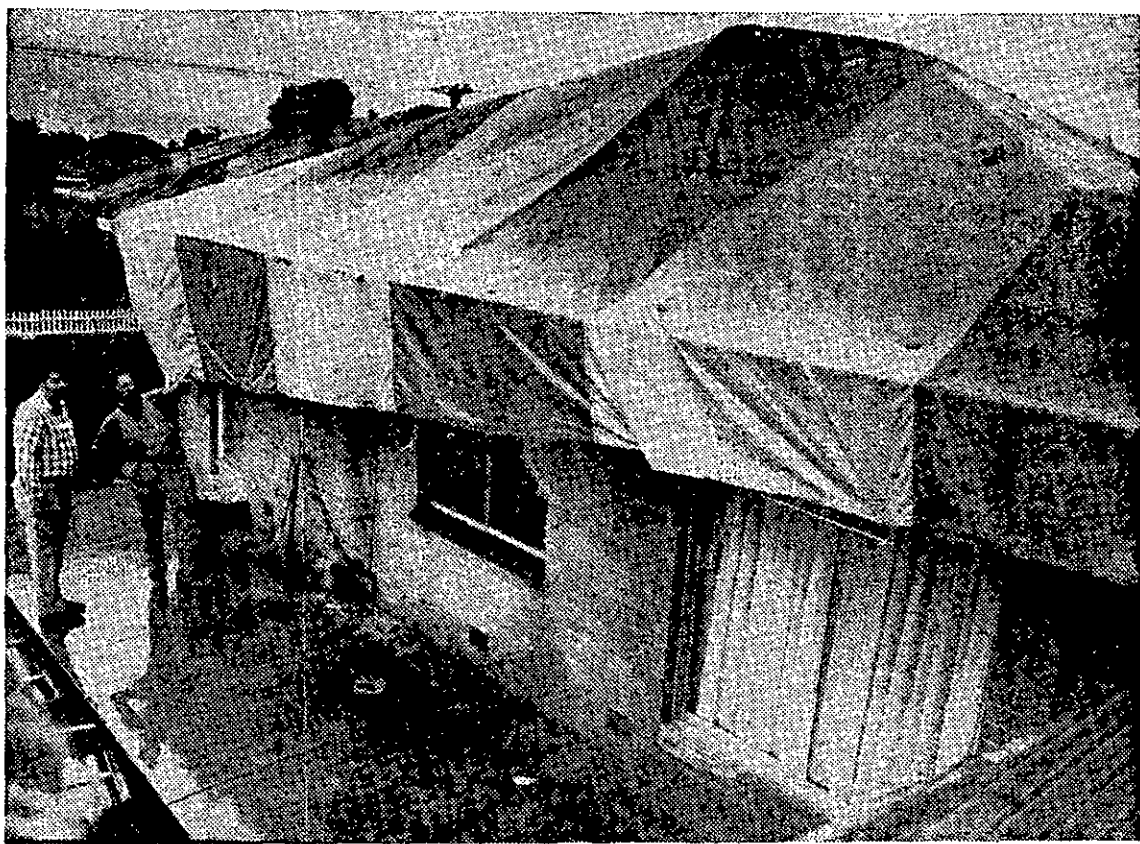
"I looked out the window, and saw everything flying in the air — tiles, trees, bits of wood."

"Then suddenly it stopped. I went outside to see what had happened, and I found a whopping great hole in our roof."

"There were pieces of wood in our garden, and tiles everywhere."

Cr Shorten told the Star that only tiled houses had been affected by the wind. Galvanised iron and fibro-cement roofs were left in place.

"The wind just seemed to get under the tiles, creating a vacuum," he said.

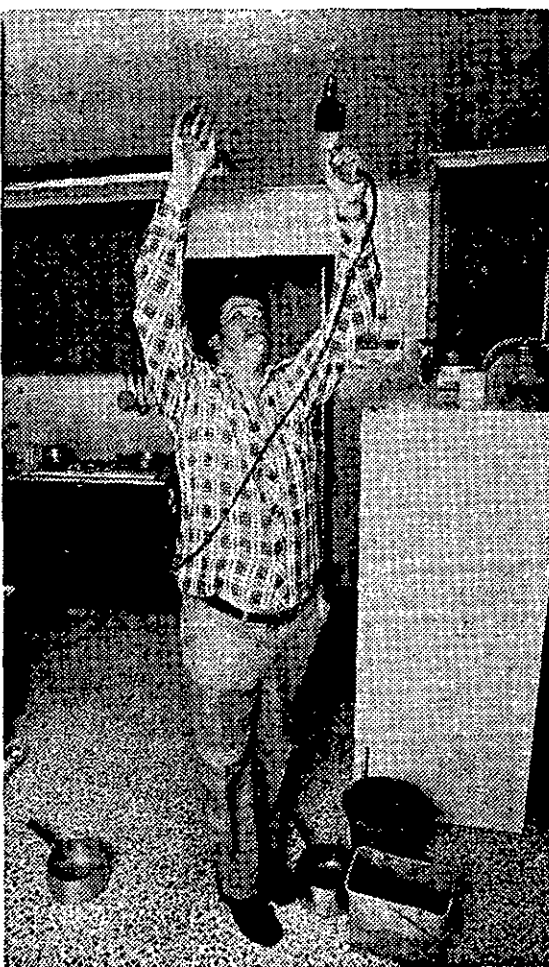


Above: Mr. Burk Stiedl (left) surveys his Hammond Street house after civil defence workers roofed it with canvas. A Footscray civil defence team of 19 spent all night protecting damaged houses with tarpaulins.

## 32 houses damaged



● This was a typical scene at Altona on Thursday afternoon, when cars broke down trying to get through flooded streets. Anyone affected by the storm damage is asked to contact the Altona Civic Centre.



● Mr. Stiedl drilled holes in the ceiling of his house to allow the water from the storm to drip into containers.

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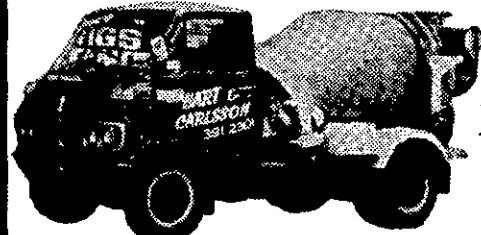
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# Council NO to five factories

Five factories proposed for land in Malton Court, Altona, have been rejected by Altona Council.

The Board of Works sent the factory application to the council for comment. All five factories would be on Lot 8.

Councillors, meeting in their general-purposes committee, agreed that the plans do not comply with council siting requirements.

Car parking arrangements are also insufficient, councillors said.

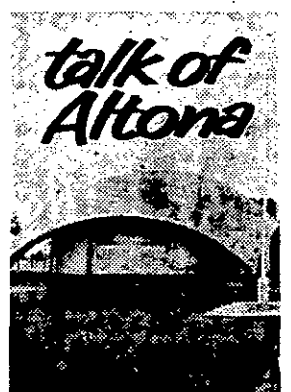
## No barriers

No barriers will be erected at the intersection of Pier and Blyth streets to restrict pedestrian access to the roadway.

The city engineer, Mr. Ralph Simmons, reporting to the council on the barrier suggestion, said he did not recommend the move.

"If barricades were provided as suggested, pedestrians would not be able to cross either Pier or Blyth streets direct, as is now possible.

"No lines could be provided to guide them across the roadways, because



where stop signs exist, no other markings are permitted on the roadway", he said.

Mr. Simmons is to have a traffic count taken at the intersection to see if it qualifies for pedestrian lights.

## School ovals

School ovals used by the community will be mown and fertilised by council engineering staff.

Watering and topdressing will be the responsibility of the Education Department, councillors agreed last week.

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## Footpath plan

The city engineer, Mr. Ralph Simmons, will report on the cost of constructing the footpath along the frontage of St. Paul's College in Blackshaws Road.

## Floodlighting

Altona Central Football Club and Altona Council may share the cost of floodlighting the northern oval of Crofts Reserve.

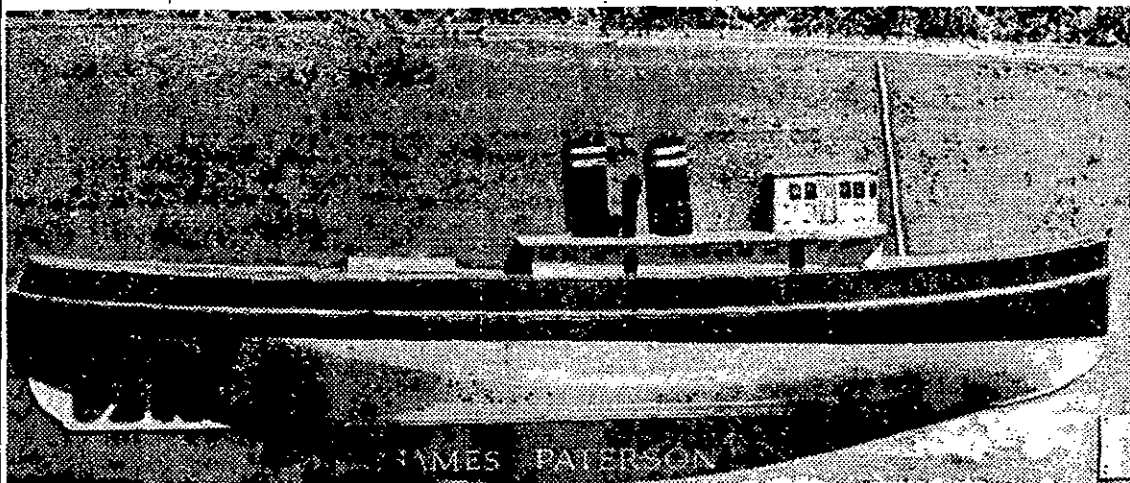
The club needs floodlights for practice matches.

Club officials asked for floodlights. The cost of two steel poles and underground wiring is about \$2600.

The council is prepared to meet half the cost.

A final decision has been deferred to await reports from Government bodies and the council's finance committee.

# Model went off course



This is the original architect's half-model of one of the first propeller-powered steam tugs to operate from Williamstown.

We can't tell you where it is, except to say it's in the old part of Williamstown, for the very obvious reason it shouldn't be there.

The tug, the James Paterson, was built in the United Kingdom in 1901 by J. P. Reynoldson and sailed under its own steam to Australia, where it spent its working life at Williamstown.

The James-Paterson helped thousands of ships in and out of the Port of Melbourne until it was taken off the run in the early 1960s.

Tugs operating from Williamstown when the Paterson was attached to the fleet were run by James Paterson and Company.

Steam-powered paddle tugs made up the bulk of the fleet until the sleek James Paterson arrived.

# Land to Libs 'like bullion to Biggs'

Having the Liberal Party in control of land was like having Ronald Biggs in charge of bullion, the Labor spokesman on Housing, Mr. Tom Edmunds, MLA (Ascot Vale) said yesterday.

The development of Geelong confirmed the State Government acted forever in the interests of land developers, Mr. Edmunds said.

"The Geelong Regional Commission Bill was reported by the State Labor Leader, Mr. Holding, to give power to a tiny group of land barons," he added.

They would determine the land available and the price, Mr. Holding had said.

Western-suburbs people knew well the Liberal policy of protecting private land interests, Mr. Edmunds said.

An example was the Truganina land issue, involving more than 400 acres, on the Altona-Werribee boundary.

"Mr. Hamer announced this as a 'Preferred development' area some time ago," Mr. Edmunds said.

The same applied to the adjoining Notia Estate of 300 acres.

"The private land, given Mr. Hamer's green light, is going full steam ahead.

"The land-buying public know all about that; they are asked to fork out about \$16,000 for a block."

Mr. Edmunds added the State Government's side of the preferred development area bargain had not been acted on. The State-owned section lay idle.

The Fraser government had recently announced an inquiry into land and housing prices, but a Victorian public, used to Liberal statements on cheap land, must be sceptical about this.

"But since the Bolte record, on Truganina at least, was better than the Hamer record, there's always hope the Fraser record will also be better than the Hamer record," Mr. Edmunds said.

The Geelong zoning propositions, with their big bounty for wealthy landowners and heavy burden for buyers had only come to public notice after an investigation by representatives of "The Age".

"The fruits of their gleanings were a sorry tale of local Liberal Party pressures," he said.

"Then there was a similar The Age 'Insight' exposure of \$4 million public money being handed under State Government auspices to land speculators as sheer profit on their Melton and Sunbury purchases."

# Tech boys give \$38

Forty boys of Altona North Technical School have given \$38.89 to the Royal Children's Hospital.

The boys are George Aquilina \$2, John Bakeric \$1, Stewart Bayley 50 c, Edward Borg \$2, Richard Carlesso 20c, James Cantania \$1.45, John Cauchi 20c, Graeme Charles \$1, Chris Christodoulou 10c, Jesse D'Angelo \$1, Enrico Fiorini \$2, Daniel Fransquet \$2, Paul Furlan \$1, Peter Graham \$2.

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# Scouts march on Anzac Day

Altona Scouts will take part in the Anzac Day march on Sunday, April 25.

The boys, in full uniform, will meet at the RSL Hall in Sargood Street at 2.45 pm.

Cubs awarded merit badges recently were: Richard Gormley, Chris Hogan, Steven Whitty, Adrian Bibby, Richard Devetak, Damien Rafferty, Paul Bridges.

Andrew Bourke won a photography badge, and Darren McLeod a civil-defence badge.

The next group committee meeting will be held in the Scout hall tomorrow (Thursday) at 7.30 pm.

All parents of Scouts and Cubs have been asked to attend, as next month's meeting will be the election of officers.

The auxiliary will meet at the home of Mrs. C. Smith, 25 Charles Street, Altona West, at 7.30 pm on Friday, May 6.

A Tupperware party to raise money will follow the meeting, and a door prize will be awarded.

# West couple wed in city



● Cutting the cake at the Park Royal Motor Inn reception that followed their marriage at St. Augustine's Melbourne, are Mr. and Mrs. Terry Richard Smith.

The bride is the former Glenda Helen Pattison, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Pattison, of Dickens Street, Yarraville.

The groom is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith, of Tobruk Crescent, Williamstown.

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## Daryl strikes silver



● Ten-year-old Daryl Brown, of Hammond Street, Altona, is a proud lad — he won

the 1500-metre walk silver medal at the recent Victorian Little Athletics Championships.

The events were held at Olympic Park, and Daryl came home second in the Under-11.

He showed two of his little-athletics trophies to mates at Altona West Primary School.

## Death of Mr. Holt

Mr. William Ernest Holt, a long-time resident of Williamstown, died at Williamstown Hospital last Friday.

Mr. Holt, 88, had lived in Williamstown nearly all his life.

After marrying he settled in Perry Street and lived there for close on 60 years.

He and his wife, Nell, would have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary later this year.

Mr. Holt was a foundation member of the Williamstown Elderly Citizens' club, which is joined shortly after retiring.

He was a keen indoor bowler at the club and won the club championship at least 10 times.

Before retiring, he worked at the railways for 18 years as a builder.

In his earlier days, he was a professional cyclist with the Williamstown club and still competed when he was in his 40s.

Mr. Holt is survived by his wife, and children, Ida and Fred.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Nelson Brothers.

## PWP plans

Gellibrand branch of Parents Without Partners has planned the following activities for next week: Sunday (April 17): Xetro West and Northern inter-region picnic at Kooyong Road; Wednesday (20th) discussion night at Charlie's (inquiries: 68 1768, 314 5121, 391 6154 and 311 384); Thursday (21st): Family activities night at North Sunshine Technical School; Friday (April 22nd) Dance at Denby Hall, Mt. Alexander Road (casual group).

## Better western transport

The Minister for Transport, Mr. Rafferty, has approved the recommendations of a transport study conducted in the western suburbs.

Mr. Rafferty said priority would be given to the electrification of the railway line to Werribee.

The lines to Sunbury and Melton were also listed in the Government's forward planning.

The transport study recommended:

- An experimental dial-a-bus or mini bus service in St. Albans North.
- Tram concessions for students of Footscray Institute of Technology.
- A railway station near Furlong Road, St. Albans.
- A co-ordinated bus service in Sunshine-Deer Park.

## Grow is growing

Grow, the self-help group for those with emotional problems, or living difficulties, is growing.

During March, the Footscray Grow group divided and another group was opened in Newport/Williamstown.

A third group started in Sunshine.

Grow has opened new headquarters at 316 Queen Street, Melbourne.

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## Trash, treash on Saturdays

Altona's trash and treasure market will open on Saturday as well as Sunday for the next three months.

The market, on the corner of Grieve Parade and Geelong Road, Altona North, has been limited to Sunday trading since its opening in December.

The Altona Council has now given permission for Saturday trading between 8 am and 6 pm for a trial period.

Mr. Sharp, who runs the market, applied to the council to allow two-day trading because, he said, stallholders were hard to get for only one day.

He said all other markets in Melbourne offer two-day trading.

Altona's planning and parking officers inspected

vice in Sunshine-Deer Park to follow duplication of the area's railway line.

● Bus shelters to be built along the proposed St. Albans-Essendon, and the existing Footscray-Avon-dale Heights routes.

● Eleven new shelters to be built along Ballarat Road which will include bus timetable information.

No action will be taken to improve public transport for the handicapped, young or old people until the Ministry's planning study is completed.

Rail services on the Albion-Broadmeadows and Sunshine-Newport lines will not be introduced until further investigation is completed.

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# WGH given \$390,000

The Western General Hospital is \$390,000 better off thanks to gifts from three western suburbs sources.

At a special dinner organised by the hospital's board of management, the Footscray-based James Flood Charity Trust handed over its assets of \$350,000.

This means that the hospital now owns the trust and will be its only beneficiary.

Real estate agent, Mr. Stan Payne, will give \$25,000 from the Edward A. Green Charitable Foundation of which he is the sole trustee.

And the Footscray Lions' Club promised \$15,000 to help pay off the hospital's \$75,000 laser surgery.

The Lions' Club had promised the money over three years but at last week's dinner Lion president Mr. Jack Withers handed over a cheque for \$7500.

Hospital board of management president Mr. Eric Farnsworth said the hospital was indebted to the three donors.

He said that over the past 25 years, Footscray Lions had given \$51,700 to the hospital. Mr. Payne had given \$40,000.

Mr. Farnsworth called the James Flood Charity Trust handover "most generous".

He said that the man who set up the trust, director-general manager of James Flood Pty. Ltd.,

Mr. Harold Paynting, would administer the trust for the hospital.

### Too big

The chairman of James Flood Pty. Ltd., Mr. David Petley, said the trust had become too big for Floods to handle.

"It should be a community effort," he said.

The trust was established in 1968 as a public-relations and charity exercise.

Its assets include books about vintage cars which are sold in limited editions throughout the world.

Mr. Paynting said that copies of the first publication, which sold for \$12 eight years ago, were now bringing more than \$400 each.

### Floods there

Special guests at the hospital dinner were Mr. Jim Flood and his son, David, who are both directors of James Flood Pty. Ltd.

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## Spotswood service for youth

A youth service will be held at Spotswood Methodist Church at 7 pm next Sunday.

The service will be led by Mr. Russell Dancey, minister of Westgate Church, Newport.

The 10.45 am service will be conducted by Mr. J. Finney.

Plans for services next Sunday at other churches in the Williamstown area involved in the Uniting Church:

St. John's Williams-town: 10 am, the Rev. W. Barns; 7 pm, the Rev. Chester Hodge.

St. Stephen's, Williams-town: 9.30 am, Mr. Hodge.

Westgate, Newport: 11 am, Mr. Dancey; 5 pm, Christian Endeavor.

Congregational, Williams-town: 11 a.m.; the Rev. H. M. Moorhouse.

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# Limit pets breeding

Family pets should be spayed or neutered, Altona councillors said at their meeting last week.

They were discussing letters from two people critical of conditions at the Lost Dogs' Home in North Melbourne.

Altona Council is a major contributor to the home, in Gracie Street, which regularly collects stray dogs and impounds them.

If the dogs are not collected by their owners, they are destroyed within days.

Mrs Patricia Farnell, of Springvale, suggested that councils should give more consideration to the control of over-breeding and wandering dogs.

She said a higher registration fee, like \$45 for neutered dogs, would help solve the problem.

The money raised through the fees could go towards setting up a low-cost neutering programme, and alternative shelters for stray animals, she said.

The other letter came from Mrs Joan Walker, secretary of the Animal Rights movement, who criticised inadequate facilities and treatment of animals at the Lost Dogs' Home.

Mr. Syd Fell, Altona's town clerk, told councillors on Tuesday that the State Government Law Revision Committee was presently preparing a report on the use of the Lethanair to kill unwanted animals.

The device, he said, was a decompression chamber, and was used by the Royal

Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, allegedly because it was cheaper than injections.

"It is apparent that unless steps are taken to overcome an already acute community problem, governments in the future will have to spend more to control straying and unwanted animals," Mr. Fell said.

He added that the council should notify the law revision committee of its concern for the present problem, and its support for spaying and neutering of family pets.

Mr. Fell said animals kept for breeding brought a higher registration fee, "and appropriate controls can be enforced".

Cr. Steve Clement moved that Mr. Fell's suggestions be adopted and sent to the committee.



Mrs. Joan Ridley, of Clark Street, Williamstown, pictured with a sculpture by Pino Calati called "Ancestor". Mr. Calati, a western suburbs artist, will exhibit some of his latest works at the Beta Sigma Phi art show this weekend.

## Beta Sigma art show

The annual three-day Beta Sigma Phi art exhibition will be held at Williamstown Town Hall this weekend.

This will be the 13th exhibition to be held by the Williamstown chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, an international women's organisation.

Money raised over the three days is passed on to various causes, and this year it will go to the Noah's Ark Toy Library for handicapped children, and to the Shirley Challenor Anti-Cancer Fund.

The show will begin at 2.30 pm on Sunday and run until 9 pm on Monday. It will open from 10 am to 9 pm on Tuesday from 10 am to 8.30 pm.

No entry fee is charged, and catalogues cost 20c.

Last year paintings, sculpture and craft-work valued at more than \$8000 were sold at the exhibition, and the chapter is hoping to sell even more this year.

## Camera members sought

Williamstown Camera Club has invited new members to take part in its activities.

The club meets in the Methodist Church Hall, Pasco Street, at 7.45 p.m., on the first and third Thursday of each month.

Information about the meetings can be obtained by calling Mrs. M. Johnston (398 1978) or Mrs. M. Wyatt (314 8091).

A spokesman for the club said yesterday it had been proved meeting and exchanging knowledge and ideas was the best way to learn about photography.

Lecturers and competition judges had found this as they visited clubs.

The Williamstown club was small in numbers but enthusiastic, the spokesman said.

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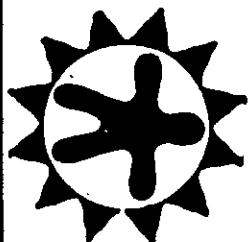
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Essendon Council, in its letter to Altona Council on the band's behalf, said the uniforms would be altered to fit Essendon band members.

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**GERRING, Stanley** — April 12, 1970. Loving memories of a dear husband and father. Like fallen leaves the years go by, But loving memories never die. Lou, Lily and John, Betty and George, Joan and Bob, Pat and Keith.

**GOLDSMITH, Oliver John**. — Treasured memories of my darling father and Pop. Passed away April 17, 1968. Nine years ago we had to part. God closed your eyes and broke our heart. Time will never heal our grief our love for you is far too deep. Loving daughter Beatrice, Son-in-law John.

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## ENGAGEMENTS

**DRANE — BIRKETT.** — Margaret and Jack Drane are happy to announce the engagement of their second daughter Karyn, to Mark, twin son of Elv and Chris Birkett.

## DEATHS

**BARTOLO, Joe.** — A tribute to the sad passing of a true friend, one of nature's gentlemen. May he be blessed with everlasting peace. The Harris family.

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I was a patient in the public ward myself, in traction and on a diet, but I am still one of the "oldies", and can never forget the kindness of the girls.

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## Party to help guides

The Werribee, Laverton and Altona Trefoil Guild is holding a garden party to raise money for guiding in the western district towns ravaged by bushfires earlier this year.

The garden party will be at the home of Mrs F. Morrall, K. Road, Werribee on Saturday, April 16, at 2 pm.

Afternoon tea will be provided and the cost is 30 cents.

Entertainment will be provided by the Werribee Choral Society and the Amateur Theatre Company.

All women interested in joining Trefoil are invited.

The Trefoil Guild is the senior section of the Girl Guide Association. Its members participate in community projects in an outside guiding.

## Calling old Diggers

**IT'S Old Diggers Day** at Williamstown RSL on Saturday, April 23.

Veterans of the 1914-18 war are invited to the annual lunch in the club-rooms, starting at 12.30 pm.

Diggers living in the district should contact manager Ken Duthie (397 7642) for an invitation (branch membership is not necessary).

## Speak-out on rape

Women campaigning against the causes of rape are holding a "speak-out" in the Collingwood Town Hall supper room this Sunday (April 17) at 2 pm. The Campaign Against the Causes of Rape began as a reaction to the Easey Street rape-murders last January and started with a march on February 12.

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# First big win in 50 years

Newport Rams won their first major flag on Sunday in 50 years of baseball.

They beat Sandringham to win the Ampol Cup and division one premiership.

Led by John Comer on the mound, the Rams got away to a good start shutting out Sandringham in the first frame.

After the fourth dig, Rams went to a 4-1 lead.

By the seventh dig, Sandringham loomed close but Rams finally won 5-3.

Hits: Newport 8, Sandringham 7. Errors: Newport 3, Sand-

ringham 4. Safe hits: Bunting 3, Comer, 2, Harris, Kennedy, Ockwell.

The division one win climaxes a good season for Rams who took three premierships.

The other two were in division three east and under 17.

The under 13a team finished second in their division but won the champion of champions title for all under 13 competitors.

Rams fourths and under 15 teams reached

the finals and the seconds missed the finals by half a game.

This week, Rams visit Bendigo. The bus will leave the clubrooms at 8 am on Saturday.

The Seagulls won their first VFA first division game for the season on Sunday, beating Prahran by one point.

A last minute behind from Greg Boxvall gave the game to the Gulls.

Final score was Williamstown 17.17 (119) d Prahran 17.16 (118).

Before the game started, VFA director Russ Hopper handed the second division pennant to VFA president Alex Gillon who presented it to Seagull president, Des Luckhurst.

The club's oldest member, Mr Arthur Johnson, unfurled the flag.

Mal Allen won the toss and a behind from Prahran rover, Austin, was the first score in the game.

John Fanning starred in the ruck for the Gulls and Ray Powley booted the first Gull goal.

At the first change, Williamstown led by 17 points.

Greg Boxall kicked the Gulls' fifth goal, taking his side to a 23-point lead.

But Prahran players found their feet and reduced the margin to five points.

Then goals from Briner and Cross took the side ahead and by half-time the Seagulls were 29 points in front.

The game picked up in the third term, forcing Williamstown to make some changes on the field.

In the last quarter, Prahran equalised the score twice then Boxall kicked the winning behind.

Seagull goals: Mark Cross 4, Peter Gardner, Greg Boxall 3, Frank Briner, Ray Powley, Mike Brown, John Potter, Glenn Townsend, Mick Mahoney, Brian Edwards.

Best: John Fanning, Peter Gardner, Mal Allen, Mark Cross, Ray Powley, Mick Mahoney, Brian Lowe, Greg Boxall.

Williamstown Central Motors award: John Fanning 3, Mal Allen 2, Mick Mahoney 1. Progressive voting: John Fanning, Peter Gardner 3, Mal Allen, Frank Porcevina 2, Daryl Dixon, Mick Mahoney 1.

SECONDS  
A depleted Seconds side lost to Prahran at Toorak Park.

Final scores: Prahran 17.29 (131) d. Williamstown 7.14 (56).

Goals: Andrew Donnelly 3, Steve Vasil 2, Gary O'Donovan, David Marshall.

Best: David Marshall, Rodney Old, Peter Hickman, Leigh Yarnell, Andrew Donnelly, Steve Vasil, Bruce Wooley, Tony McVeigh.

## THIRDS

The Thirds have gone to the top with an easy win over Prahran at the Seaside Oval.

Final scores: Williamstown 21.27 (153) d. Prahran 11.9 (75).

Goals: Rollo Goetz, Tony Walsh 5, Peter Marshall 4, Geoff Bell, Kelvin Lavelle 2, Brendan Murphy, Jeff Dean, Wayne Stevens.

Best: Rollo Goetz, Tony Walsh, Ian Vangelrooy, Wayne Stevens, Bill Newman, Peter Marnell.

This weekend, the Gulls meet their old rivals, Port Melbourne.

The Firsts and Thirds play at Port and the Seconds are at home.

## Bird derby

J. Gillespie and Son from Keilor won the Western Pigeon Federation's young bird derby over 223 km from Horsham at the weekend.

### Club results are:

Newport: K. Kelly 845 mpm, M. de Keyzer 821, K. O'Sullivan 807.

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Keilor: J. Gillespie and son 886, C. de Bono 875, H. and R. Falla 358.

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## Medal for Ms Harris

Ms. G. Harris won the Koorringal Golf Club Associates' monthly medal for March, with 69 net.

On March 29, the A-grade competition was won by N. Prentice (13) with 71 net, and L. Cox won the C-grade with 80 net on a countback from B. Munro.

The putting went to P. Sharpe, with 28 putts. The stroke round played

on April 5 went to D. Weston (18) 74 net on a countback from I. Oataway and F. Roger in A-grade.

B-grade was won by D. Rothwell (28) on 70 net and C-grade was won by J. Skipworth (30) on 67

## Easter parade



The children of Altona West Primary School were in their element on Thursday — it was dress-up day for Easter.

Parading before the crowd were, from left: Simone Mascervell, Mark Pilbeam, Michelle Kerr, Grant Smith and Pauline Van Der Poel, the silver Easter egg.

## Four tennis flags to Altona club

Altona Tennis Club has won four premiership pennants for the 1976-77 summer tennis season.

Of the eight senior teams entered in the western suburbs competition, played on Saturdays throughout the summer months, six reached the final four.

Section two defeated Albion by five games.

Players in the victorious team were: M. Gilson, A. Findlay, N. Heyme, J. Parkinson, L. Findlay and J. Crane.

In section seven, Altona No. 1 team defeated Altona No. 2 by five games.

Players were: S. McColl, H. McColl, H. and K. Heyme, H. Maher and S. Adcock.

Following the completion of the finals, a barbeque and celebrations were held by the club at the home of John and Helen Maher.

The mid-week women's competition also had two top sides from Altona.

In section four, the premier Altona team was: D. Hindmarch, W. Burke, M. Money, B. Ledwich, M. Hare and R. Henshall.

Section five was won by an Altona team of M. McColl, H. Maher, V. Cleary, M. Walker and E. Crockford.

## Junior footy HQ appeal starts

An appeal has been launched for cash to build a pavilion for Williamstown Junior Football Club.

The appeal comes after talks between the club's executive and representatives of Williamstown Council.

The council is negotiating on the club's behalf with the Education Department, for permission to build a pavilion near Williamstown Technical School oval, in Bayview Street.

Over 150 lads play under WJFC's colors, but at present have no headquarters.

Williamstown solicitor and former Williamstown Football Club senior player and committeeman, Mr Tony Hannebery launched the appeal with a donation of \$100.

Then publican David

Lyons and his clients at the Prince Albert Hotel raised \$319.40.

Appeal administrator, Mr Les Goding, says this has got things away to a good start and gives hope of an early start on building a pavilion.

People wanting to make donations can contact Mr Goding, on 397 7738.



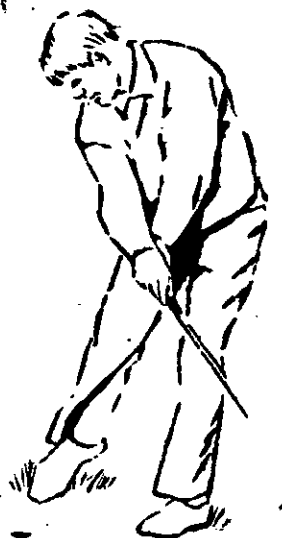
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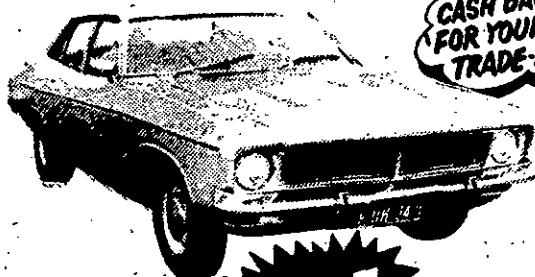
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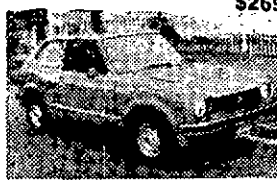
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